

Resolution No. 2015-30

A Resolution supporting a proposed Fishing Pier at the “fishing beach” south of Dobbinsville on Route 9 within the City of New Castle Pier to be constructed and maintained by Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife (the “Project”)

WHEREAS, the City Council held two public meetings (May 13, 2014 and June 9, 2015) to hear presentations by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife about the possible Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the use of certain City owned property at the Project location for purposes of providing an entrance roadway, a lighted parking lot and related facilities to support a lighted fishing pier with restroom facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the New Castle Common who own a portion of the affected land have also reviewed the Project and have stated support for an easement to permit construction of the parking lot and related facilities necessary for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has obtained DelDOT approval for, and the City will construct, a turning lane on Route 9 to provide access to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the estimated Fishing Pier Project construction will cost approximately 2 million dollars with \$1,500,000.00 being funded through the Federal Sport Fish Restoration Fund program and the remaining \$500,000.00 coming from State funding such as fishing license fees, bond bill, and/or other sources subject to availability and/or appropriation.

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware will be responsible for such costs as parking lot maintenance, pier repairs, and light fixture replacements.

WHEREAS, all facilities will be constructed in a manner that protects the integrity of the dike; and

WHEREAS, the City will provide policing services to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife will provide additional patrols and on call services, as needed; and

Whereas, final plans and responsibilities for the Project will be subject to terms outlined in appropriate agreement(s) between the City, the Trustees of New Castle Common and the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that the proposed pier is in the best interests of the citizens of New Castle and provides recreational fishing opportunities to residents and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby supports construction of a fishing pier by Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife in the City of New Castle on Route 9 South in the area known as the “fishing beach” adjacent to existing gravel parking area.

PASSED this 14th day of July, 2015.

Linda Ratchford, City Council President

John A. Di Mondì, Councilperson

Teel Petty, Councilperson

Theodore H. Megginson, Councilperson

Albert J. Vannucci, Jr., Councilperson

Attest:

Janet E. Wurtzel, City Clerk